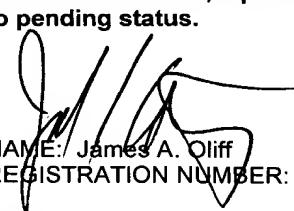
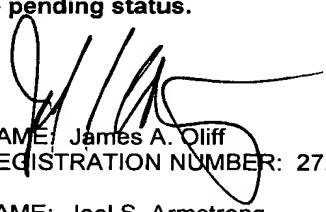


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE<br/>UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE<br/>(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING<br/>UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | #3   |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/JP00/03418   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>May 26, 2000 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>November 13, 1999 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>VEHICLE TO ASSIST WALKING   |   |  |
| APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US<br>Hiroko SHIKINAMI et al.  |   |  |
| <p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.<br/><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol> |   |  |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 09/869,883   | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>May 26, 2000 | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>110071 |            |          |
| 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:   |   | CALCULATIONS                       |            |          |
| <b>Basic National fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b><br>Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO .... \$860.00<br>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... \$690.00<br>No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$710.00<br>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$1,000.00<br>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$ 100.00 |   | PTO USE ONLY                       |            |          |
| <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>   |   | \$                                 |            |          |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |   | \$130.00                           |            |          |
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| Independent Claims  | - 3 =   |                                    | X \$ 80.00 | \$       |
| Multiple dependent claim(s)(if applicable)  |   |                                    | + \$270.00 | \$       |
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| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |   |                                    |            |          |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>15-0461</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |   |                                    |            |          |
| <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>  |   |                                    |            |          |
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